

Why are rates going up?

- Current Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) & Ammonia, and EPA tightened restrictions for Ammonia
- Because of the current issues and future restrictions, Louisburg has to make infrastructure changes to avoid fines levied by the EPA and being forced to take the same steps we are currently taking willingly

Change options considered by Council included modifications to existing lagoons for \$6 million or building a wastewater treatment plant for upwards of \$16.5 million.

- Modifications are not guaranteed to address issues long term;
- Modifications last occurred in 2006 & 2009, lasting less than 10 years;
- At the time, those last modifications were a calculated risk to reduce cost to the community and customers.

For additional information, or to see the full Sewer Study, go to:

www.louisburgkansas.gov/faw.aspx

If you have additional questions, contact City Hall staff at 913-837-5371

Or

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**IMPORTANT
Information About
Sewer Rates**

Rates are increasing as of April bill for March use, per Ordinance 1056.

Rates are increasing by \$7 base and \$4 usage (variable).

What are the new sewer rates?

| | Base (First 1,000 Gallons) | Variable (Per 1,000 Gallons) |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Previous Rate | \$11.00 | \$2.30 |
| New Rate | \$18.00 | \$6.30 |

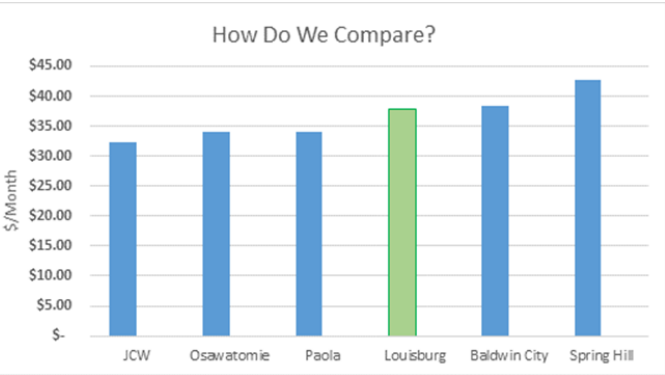
*Rates and changes are the same for Residential and Commercial customers

What will this do to my monthly bill?

For average residential use of 4,000 gallons:

- Previous - \$17.90 sewer only
- Now - \$36.90 sewer only

Residential bills will still be set by Winter Average Consumption (WAC) of water.



Timeline of Recent Events

Oct '15 – Received Larkin Lamp Rynearson (LLR) Sewer Report

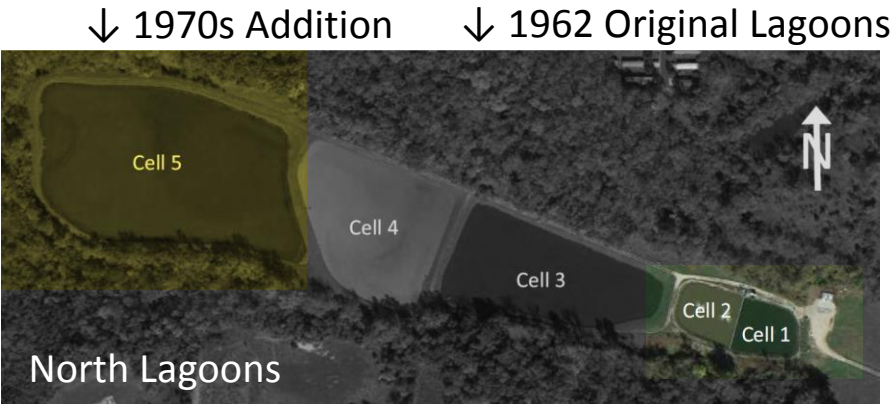
Nov '15 – Selected Preferred Option 3, WWTP

Dec '15 – Secured LLR for Sewer Rate Study

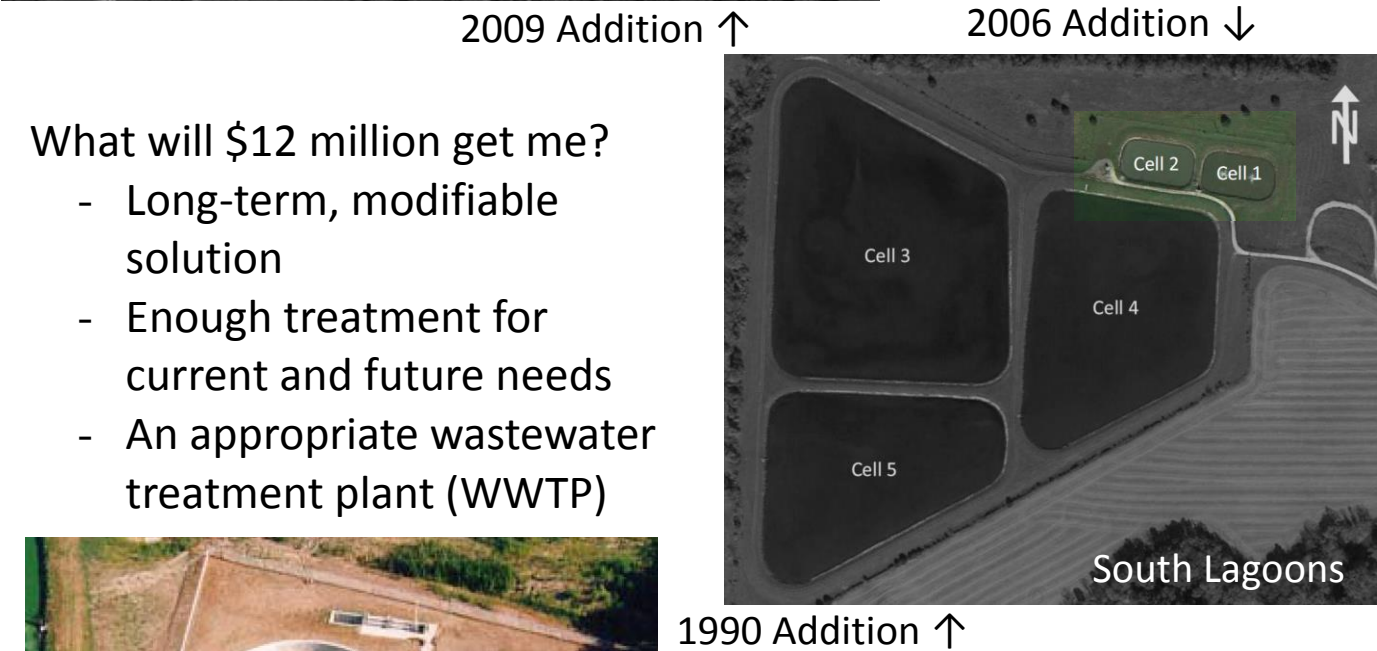
Feb '16 – Draft Sewer Rate & Public Forum

March '16 – Approved Sewer Rate Increase

April '16 – Sewer Rates Effective on Billing



Current Louisburg Sewer Treatment Facilities



What will \$12 million get me?

- Long-term, modifiable solution
- Enough treatment for current and future needs
- An appropriate wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)



Additional changes and rate considerations will occur. Over the next three years, Council, staff and consultants will dedicate considerable time weighing options and rates to make an appropriate WWTP a reality.